GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:203
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given any specific attention to increase the agricultural production and also to restore, stabilize the cotton production and supply in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total agricultural production including cotton during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the farming techniques and methods to augment agricultural production including cotton in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.203 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b) The Government has given high priority to the development of agriculture as envisaged in the National Agriculture Policy. In order to provide specific attention, on- going 27 Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Agriculture Development have beenformulated as one scheme under Macro - Management mode to give freedom and flexibility to State Governments to undertake program`s as per their requirements . For cotton development, a Technology Mission on Cotton has been launched from January, 2000 to integrate research, production, marketing and processing to benefit both farmers and textile industries. Similarly for increasing the production of oilseeds and pulses, a Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses is in operation. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided for production and distribution of seeds, seeds minikits, distribution of Rhyzobium culture, improved farm implements and sprinkler sets etc. Besides these, front line & field demonstrations are also organised on farmers fields for transfer of improved production technologies.

(c) The production of major crops like foodgrains, Oilseeds, Cotton and Sugarcaneduring 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 in important states is enclosed in Annexure- I, II, III and IV, respectively.

(d) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is doing research on variousareas related to agriculture production including cotton in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities. Besides, research by institutes of Indian Council ofAgricultural Research, the Council is also assisting research system through `All- India Crop Improvement Project` on various crops.Research is also being conducted for developing/improving farming techniques to augment production. These include development of varieties/hybrids with higher yields having resistance to disease, pests and moisture stress; resource management for cost effective production; integrated nutrient, pest and water management, technology evaluation and refinement , and by-product utilisation etc.

For dissemination of improved farming techniques, the National ExtensionSystem is assisting States under various programmes/schemes to impart training to field level agriculture functionaries and farmers. The improved production technologies are being demonstrated under demonstration programme including frontline demonstration through Indian Councilof Agricultural Research under various Central/Centrally sponsored Schemes including for cotton.

Annexure-I
PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS DURING 1996-97 TO 1998-99 IN MAJOR STATES

(Production in `000 tonnes)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
ANDHRA PRADESH	13675.20	10822.30	14395.30

ASSAM	3532.10	3577.60	3434.00
BIHAR	14417.60	14093.20	12908.80
GUJARAT	5208.60	5709.70	5566.70
HARYANA	11448.00	11347.70	12123.20
KARNATAKA	9212.80	8046.80	9976.60
MADHYA PRADESH	19487.80	17361.90	19798.40
MAHARASHTRA	14602.40	9664.00	12752.80
ORISSA	4831.40	6637.80	5806.50
PUNJAB	21553.30	21143.20	22906.70
RAJASTHAN	12821.30	14048.90	12933.70
TAMIL NADU	6930.00	8103.80	10140.50
UTTAR PRADESH	42385.10	41589.20	40145.40
WEST BENGAL	13756.30	14353.20	14367.20
ALL INDIA	199435.70	192258.70	203042.90

Annexure-III

PRODUCTION OF COTTON DURING 1996-97 TO 1998-99 IN MAJOR STATES

(Production in `000 bales)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
ANDHRA PRADESH	1878.40	1320.40	1486.60
GUJARAT	2657.70	3180.00	3935.00
HARYANA	1507.00	1129.00	873.00
KARNATAKA	932.00	721.00	855.00
MADHYA PRADESH	424.20	508.90	426.30
MAHARASHTRA	3143.30	1753.10	2618.90
ORISSA	30.20	36.00	50.00
PUNJAB	1925.00	937.00	595.00
RAJASTHAN	1363.30	867.50	872.00
TAMIL NADU	329.90	358.00	429.50
UTTAR PRADESH	7.30	8.30	5.80
ALL INDIA	14231.30	10851.40	12177.50

Annexure-II

PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS DURING 1996-97 TO 1998-99 IN MAJOR STATES

(Production in `000 tonnes)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
ANDHRA PRADESH	2396.20	1424.10	2264.50
ASSAM	159.80	173.90	154.80
BIHAR	150.60	166.50	157.10
GUJARAT	3809.00	3834.00	3883.20
HARYANA	1004.80	423.20	714.30
KARNATAKA	1756.40	1198.60	1813.60
MADHYA PRADESH	5093.90	5687.80	5615.20
MAHARASHTRA	2395.90	1682.40	2650.50
ORISSA	167.40	191.20	176.60
PUNJAB	284.00	218.60	210.50
RAJASTHAN	3529.50	3299.90	3813.40
TAMIL NADU	1514.50	1476.70	2081.70
UTTAR PRADESH	1538.80	1006.40	1135.90
WEST BENGAL	429.60	387.70	381.90

ALL INDIA 24384.50 21324.70 25210.30

Annexure-IV

PRODUCTION OF SUGAR CANE DURING 1996-97 TO 1998-99 IN MAJOR STATES

(Production in `000 tonnes)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	15030.00	13955.00	16684.60
Assam	1490.30	1287.50	1223.60
Bihar	5842.50	4959.90	5218.80
Gujarat	11404.30	11836.20	13566.30
Haryana	9020.00	7550.00	6880.00
Karnataka	23374.40	28332.70	28454.00
Madhya Pradesh	1761.40	1631.70	1973.00
Maharashtra	41804.80	38174.30	47151.10
Orissa	1332.10	1144.00	1469.50
Punjab	11040.00	7150.00	6130.00
Rajasthan	1290.20	1158.70	1078.30
Tamil Nadu	25918.80	30183.60	46672.80
Uttar Pradesh	125348.40	129266.70	116302.80
West Bengal	1810.30	1825.70	2001.90
All India	277560.00	279541.40	295725.50